

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE HOOSIERS KILLED AND INJURED IN THE SHOOTING AT THE FEDEX FACILITY IN INDIANAPOLIS

(Mr. CARSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today, joined by my fellow congressional colleagues from Indiana, as well as our two Senators, to honor the eight Hoosiers we lost in last week's senseless shooting at the FedEx facility in Indianapolis. We also honor those who were injured and pray that they have a fast and speedy recovery.

The deceased were our friends, family, and neighbors. They had hopes, Madam Speaker, dreams, and plans for the future, only to have their lives tragically cut short. And, sadly, they are part of a much larger group of Hoosiers and Americans we have lost to gun violence.

As our community and our State grieve, and as we seek to move forward, we pledge to never forget those we lost in this shooting and any other senseless act of violence. Their legacies will live on through our efforts to save lives in the future.

Hoosiers are resilient, Madam Speaker, and we will continue working hard to create safer communities across America, always carrying the memory of those we lost in our hearts. We will never forget them.

Please join us for a moment of silence.

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HONORING JUANA SEQUEIRA SOLIS

(Mr. GOMEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Juana Sequeira Solis, who passed away in April at the age of 94. Juana was the mother of former Congresswoman, former Secretary of Labor, and now L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis.

Juana was born in 1926 in Nicaragua, the eldest of five. She immigrated to America when she was just 18, in search of a better life.

After moving to Los Angeles, Juana met her late husband, Raul Solis, while taking citizenship classes. They raised seven children and taught them the values that define who we are as Americans: the importance of community, education, and respect for our environment.

Juana spent over 20 years on the assembly line at Mattel and was an active union member with the United Rubber Workers until her retirement in 1991.

Let us always remember Juana for her kindness, determination, and fighting spirit.

CELEBRATING CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. CLOUD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Corpus Christi Army Depot, which celebrates its 60th anniversary today.

CCAD is the premier rotary-winged helicopter repair and maintenance facility for the U.S. Army.

Like a battle-hardened soldier, CCAD remains strong, committed, and dedicated to answering the Nation's call and keeping the Army flag flying.

The freedom and security that Americans enjoy today are a direct result of the hard work and continuing commitment of CCAD to the mission given by the U.S. Army.

Thousands of military, civilian, and contractor employees have walked the halls, worked in the hangars, turned the wrenches, flown the aircraft, and dedicated themselves to the operation that began in 1961.

The community leaders and citizens of Corpus Christi, Texas, recognize and appreciate the service of all personnel of CCAD, past and present.

We salute this great organization's unending mission. I wish the Corpus Christi Army Depot a happy 60th birthday today.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

(Mr. MCEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today as the proud sponsor of the resolution honoring Earth Day.

For over 50 years, people have come together on April 22, which is tomorrow, to support protections for our air, water, and land, and to increase appreciation for Mother Earth.

But every day, not just on Earth Day, we must commit ourselves to protecting our planet. We must embrace our shared responsibility to preserve our Earth, not only by increasing environmental and climate literacy but by building upon efforts like the Paris Agreement to ensure that future generations inherit a livable, sustainable, and ecologically rich planet.

Throughout the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated our Nation. However, our natural environment, including parks and green spaces, has been a haven for communities to come together safely.

This past year has reinforced the importance of protecting these natural spaces and ensuring the continued cleaning and greening of all communities.

Like those who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, tomorrow we must continue our work to address environmental challenges, large and small, from climate change to litter; to edu-

cate friends, neighbors, and elected representatives about the need for year-round action; and to honor the stewardship ethic that serves as the foundation of this special day.

Together, we can protect our planet, public health, and overall well-being of all people and wildlife.

ENACTING GREEN NEW DEAL WILL DESTROY JOBS

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, just yesterday, the squad and other Democrats reintroduced the socialist Green New Deal.

This dangerous proposal costs over \$90 trillion and will destroy thousands of American jobs. But Speaker PELOSI and President Biden have no intention of stopping it. In fact, they are planning to use their partisan infrastructure package as a vehicle to enact several Green New Deal priorities.

While details of what they consider infrastructure, and I use that term loosely, are not finalized, it does not inspire confidence that the Democrats are already turning away from regular order, which requires bipartisanship to get the bill through Congress.

Here is what we know about the package so far. It advances \$600 billion to Green New Deal priorities. Only 5 percent will go toward roads and bridges and 2 percent for airways, waterways, and ports. They are planning the largest tax hike since 1968 to pay for their agenda, and an estimate from the National Association of Manufacturers shows that their proposed corporate tax hike would cost 1 million jobs.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of Silence this Friday, April 23.

It is a day when people around the country and in my community on the central coast of California take a vow of silence to raise awareness surrounding the many hurdles that LGBTQ youth face.

One of those students will be Lucia Umeki-Martinez. Lucia is a gay woman of color and a student leader at Watsonville High School. As co-class president and member of the Sexuality and Gender Acceptance Club, Lucia works to build bridges between her classmates and community.

She told me that taking the vow of silence for 1 day was her way of paying tribute to those who have been silenced by homophobia and hatred. It also is a way to show solidarity to those, like Lucia, who have ever felt unwelcome or

unsafe in an environment where they are supposed to thrive.

Countless students across this country will take the vow of silence on Friday for the same reasons as Lucia. That is why we as leaders must continue to step up every day to ensure that all Americans, whoever they are, are accepted and respected.

VOICING CONCERN ABOUT SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. HERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to give voice to the concern of millions of Americans, the crisis at our southern border.

I saw it for myself. Not only are our facilities packed to 10 times beyond capacity, but the influx is growing.

Biden revoked Trump's effective border policies and put nothing in place to make up for it, creating the current crisis that is spiraling out of control.

We need to send immediate aid to our Border Patrol. They need it.

But here is what Congress is doing instead:

We are voting to provide legal welfare services to people illegally in our country while millions of Americans are denied help.

We are voting on D.C. statehood, a violation of the constitutional function of our Capital City.

The Speaker pushed 16 bills together in an en bloc last night, preventing Members of Congress from voting on separate pieces of legislation.

The American people are watching what we do here. They see unserious people doing unserious work. It is why our approval rating is so poor. It is time to stop letting them down and do something real.

PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1333, the NO BAN Act, of which I am an original cosponsor and which passed the House earlier today. I thank and salute our good friend JUDY CHU as well as Chairman NADLER and the Speaker for their leadership in bringing this to the floor.

This bill strengthens the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion and restores the separation of powers by limiting overly broad executive actions.

President Biden's recent executive order overturned Donald Trump's racist and discriminatory ban, but we need to ensure that broad, xenophobic policies that are not based on actual national security concerns do not ever go into effect again.

Make no mistake, the NO BAN Act would help ensure that this kind of dis-

crimination ceases, prevent future such discrimination, and promote our Nation's core value of religious freedom.

The Muslim and African bans were an abuse of Presidential authority and based off of hateful campaign promises. The ban separated parents from their children and spouses from one another. This bill begins to repair the damage of the past 4 years.

OPPOSING BIDEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

(Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the \$2¼ trillion boondoggle my colleagues across the aisle are trying to pass off as an infrastructure bill.

Sadly, this bill is a socialist wish list. Less than 8 percent of President Biden's infrastructure plan goes to roads, bridges, waterways, ports, and airports.

What it does include is \$400 billion for home-based caregivers. While that may be a good issue for review, it is not infrastructure.

This comes as no surprise, considering D.C. Democrats are trying to lump a radical, progressive agenda into a so-called infrastructure bill. Still, the leftist fringe that has highjacked what used to be the Democratic Party doesn't think it goes far enough.

Madam Speaker, we spent trillions of dollars on COVID recovery and unrelated measures. Now is not the time for a socialist wish list. Americans need a strong economy and real infrastructure, and they need it now.

ALLOWING CHILD TAX CREDIT TO EXPIRE IS MISJUDGMENT

(Mr. TORRES of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TORRES of New York. Madam Speaker, according to The Washington Post, the administration plans to propose only a temporary rather than a permanent expansion of the child tax credit.

Allowing the child tax credit to expire in 2025 is a colossal misjudgment whose consequences we could live to regret.

We cannot and should not be the party that cuts child poverty in half only until 2025. We should and must be the party that champions a permanent breakthrough against child poverty.

Instead of making the most of our FDR and LBJ moment, we are in danger of inexplicably putting an expiration date on our own legacy. Did President Roosevelt put an expiration date on Social Security? Did President Johnson put an expiration date on Medicare? Why should we put an expiration date on the Social Security and Medicare of our own time?

I urge President Biden to make his greatest achievement a permanent legacy.

REVIEWING DEMOCRATS' INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, with so much talk about infrastructure in the air lately, let's do a quick review.

The last sizeable infrastructure bill was done in 2015, to the cost of about \$300 billion. Now, what we see is a so-called infrastructure plan put out by the Biden administration and the House and Senate Democrats nine times that size, \$2.7 trillion.

We can probably find that much infrastructure to do, except there is a whole lot in this bill that is not infrastructure. Much is social spending and other things that might be good in a different bill, but not this bill.

Also, in order to pay for it, they would seek to dismantle the 2017 tax reforms that did so much to promote and boost our economy and bring jobs back to the United States. It unleashed record growth. Instead, we would hurt that economy by what is in the plan.

How about, instead of tax hikes to cover what is essentially socialist spending tucked into a bill being labeled as infrastructure, let's focus on the work needing done: highways, bridges, levees, dams for water storage, and broadband. These are the things people need and can actively use. What they don't need are choking taxes that harm our economy.

STIFLING PROGRESS WITH FILIBUSTER

(Ms. NEWMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the millions of Americans who are outraged as they witness mass shooting after mass shooting, with no action from their government; the millions of Americans who are struggling to make ends meet every day, while their government hasn't raised the minimum wage in a decade, so they are struggling more than ever; and, similarly, Americans who are fighting for equality and civil rights while they see nothing being done in Congress.

Every single week, this House passes legislation that is overwhelmingly popular among Americans, yet not one of these bills has seen the light of day because of the filibuster. It is truly a death grip on our democracy.

The filibuster is being used by a handful of people to stifle progress that Americans overwhelmingly want, progress that would ban pay discrimination, progress that would protect our unions, progress that would protect voters' rights, progress that would literally save lives by passing common-sense gun reform.

It is past time we get rid of the filibuster as it is today. The filibuster